

NAYS—111

Adams	Gibson	Miller, George
Altmire	Graves (MO)	Moore
Andrews	Green, Gene	Napolitano
Baca	Grimm	Neal
Baldwin	Hahn	Nugent
Bass (CA)	Hanna	Oliver
Bishop (NY)	Harris	Pallone
Bishop (UT)	Heck	Pascarell
Boren	Herrera Beutler	Pearce
Boswell	Hoyer	Peters
Brady (PA)	Huelskamp	Peterson
Burgess	Jackson (IL)	Poe (TX)
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Price (NC)
Cardoza	(TX)	Rahall
Carson (IN)	Johnson (OH)	Reed
Chu	Johnson, E. B.	Renacci
Clarke (NY)	Kind	Ruppersberger
Conaway	Kinzinger (IL)	Ryan (OH)
Costa	Lance	Sánchez, Linda
Costello	Landry	T.
Courtney	Larsen (WA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Cravaack	Larson (CT)	Sarbanes
Crowley	Latham	Schakowsky
Cummings	Lee (CA)	Sires
Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Davis (KY)	LoBiondo	Stivers
DeFazio	Loebach	Sutton
Dent	Lofgren, Zoe	Terry
Deutch	Lungren, Daniel	Thompson (CA)
Donnelly (IN)	E.	Thompson (MS)
Duffy	Lynch	Tiberi
Filner	Markey	Tierney
Fitzpatrick	Matheson	Tipton
Fox	Matsui	Towns
Fudge	McCotter	Velázquez
Gardner	McNerney	Visclosky
Garrett	Meehan	Woodall
Gerlach	Miller (FL)	Young (AK)

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Amash Gohmert

NOT VOTING—6

Bachmann Hinchey McDermott
Giffords Marchant Wu

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1350

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF 112TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 299, this time has been designated for the taking of the official photo of the House of Representatives in session.

The House will be in a brief recess while the Chamber is being prepared for the photo. As soon as the photographer indicates that these preparations are complete, the Chair will call the House to order to resume its actual session for the taking of the photograph. At that point the Members will take their cues from the photographer. Shortly after the photographer is finished, the House will proceed with its business.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess while the Chamber is being prepared.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1355

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 1 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.

(Thereupon, the Members sat for the official photograph of the House of Representatives for the 112th Congress.)

NORTH AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY SECURITY ACT

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 370 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1938.

□ 1403

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1938) to direct the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and for other purposes, with Mrs. EMERSON in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour, with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) each will control 15 minutes. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) each will control 10 minutes. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. WHITFIELD. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chairman, I rise today to support H.R. 1938, the North American-

Made Energy Security Act, and give a long overdue green light to the Keystone XL pipeline project. The Keystone XL expansion project would allow up to 1.29 million barrels per day to flow into refineries in the Midwest and gulf coast, a 700,000-barrel-per-day increase over existing capacity from Canada. More oil means lower prices, and more imports from a stable ally like Canada means less from unstable nations and potential adversaries.

According to a study conducted for the Department of Energy, the Keystone project has the potential to significantly reduce oil imports from the Middle East. The good news only gets better when one looks at the job impacts of the Keystone project. Construction of the expanded pipeline system alone would create an estimated 20,000 jobs.

Unfortunately, the Obama administration continues to delay this project, and there seems to be no end in sight. Let's just look at the timeline to date:

In September 2008, TransCanada, the developer of this project, first submitted its application for a Presidential permit. The State Department didn't release its draft environmental impact statement until April 2010. After this first step, EPA rejected the draft statement and told the State Department they had to perform more work. After another year, the State Department issued a supplemental draft statement that addressed EPA's concerns. Even then, EPA seems to think the thousands and thousands of pages of objective and honest analysis performed by various Federal agencies is not enough.

Because of the endless delays, H.R. 1938 is a simple bill that calls on the Obama administration to make a decision on this project by November 1, 2011. The administration has stated that they could have a decision by December 16, 2011, so we're only asking them to speed that up a few months, and we're not saying what the decision should be.

At a time when the national average of a gallon of gas is \$3.70 per gallon and unemployment is still above 9 percent, the Obama administration should be doing everything it can to approve projects expeditiously if they are creating jobs and reducing gasoline prices.

H.R. 1938 is a bipartisan bill that cuts through the endless delays and creates a hard deadline for the administration to render a decision on Keystone. It's time to get moving on reducing energy prices, reduce unemployment, and pass this bill.

I urge all Members to support this important bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Chair, I yield myself 5 minutes.

I rise in opposition to H.R. 1938. This legislation is unnecessary and it's harmful. It cuts short the State Department's ongoing review of the Keystone XL tar sands crude pipeline, it would deny the public an adequate opportunity to comment on whether the